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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF DR. CHAUNCEY STARR

REF: BONN"S 12624

1. DEPT. APPRECIATES BEING INFORMED OF DR. STARR"S POSSIBLE VISIT TO FRG AND SUPPORTS EMBASSY"S VIEWS ON IMPORTANCE OF VISIT IN EXPANDING US-FRG CONTACTS IN ENERGY R&D FIELD.

2. DR. LOFTNESS OF WASHINGTON OFFICE OF ELECTRIC POWER RESEARCH INSTITUTE HAS FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING DR. STARR"S FORTHCOMING TRIP TO EUROPE, WHICH IS SOMEWHAT AT VARIANCE WITH INFO IN REFTEL. STARR PLANS TO ATTEND NATO SCIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING AT LES ARTS, FRANCE (NEAR ANNECY) DURING PERIOD OCT. 7-12, AT INVITATION OF GEORGE KOVACH. HE HAS NO CURRENT PLANS TO VISIT FRG, BUT WOULD BE WILLING TO DO SO DURING WEEK OF NATO MEETING, UNCLASSIFIED

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SINCE MEETING NOT EXPECTED TO OCCUPY HIM FULL TIME. HIS

OBJECTIVE IN VISITING FRG (OR ALTERNATIVELY, HOLDING DISCUSSIONS IN LES ARTS WITH FRG REPRESENTATIVES) WOULD BE TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF SETTING UP PRIVATE COOPERATIVE R&D PROGRAMS IN LIGHT WATER REACTOR SAFETY, COAL UTILIZATION, AND IN ELECTRIC POWER TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION. LATTER CATEGORY COULD INCLUDE SUCH SUBJECTS AS ULTRA-HIGH-VOLTAGE AC-DC TRANSMISSION, UNDERGROUNDING, AND SUPER-CONDUCTING CABLES. COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS WOULD NOT INVOLVE

JOINT FUNDING, IN STARR'S VIEW. STARR IS NOT INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING PHILOSOPHICAL ASPECTS OF ENERGY PROBLEM AND WOULD LIKE TO LIMIT HIS CONTACTS TO THOSE INVOLVED IN TECHNICAL MATTERS.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONVEY ABOVE INFO TO FONOFF OR OTHER APPROPRIATE MINISTRIES AND TO TRY TO OBTAIN NAMES, LOCATIONS, AND INTERESTS OF INDIVIDUALS IN FRG GOVERNMENT OR INDUSTRY WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO MEET WITH STARR. POSSIBILITIES ARE WIRTZ AT KARLSRUHE NUCLEAR RESEARCH CENTER AND MANDEL AT RWE PRIVATE UTILITY. OTHER SUGGESTIONS WELCOMED.

4. FOR LONDON: STARR PLANS TO VISIT ENGLAND DURING PERIOD OCTOBER 15-18 FOR SAME PURPOSE. DEPT. UNDERSTANDS THAT HE HAS MADE VISIT ARRANGEMENTS THERE.

5. ADDRESSEE POSTS REQUESTED TO RESPOND WITHIN TWO WEEKS SO THAT STARR CAN PREPARE ITINERARY. DEPT. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ASSISTANCE THAT CAN BE GIVEN TO HIM WHILE HE IS IN HOST COUNTRIES, SINCE HIS VISIT WILL SUPPORT USG ENERGY R&D OBJECTIVES. RUSH

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